



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: IMAGE FORMATION CHARACTERISTICS ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR
PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the September 24, 2002 Office Action, the period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title so that it reads as follows:

-- IMAGE FORMATION CHARACTERISTICS ADJUSTMENT METHOD FOR
PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM --

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 9, lines 1-17, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

In this case, if the change amount $k5 \cdot \Delta\lambda$ of the relative refractive index n_r in the formula (A4) is equal to the change amount $k4 \cdot \Delta P (= \Delta n_r)$ of the relative refractive index n_r in the formula (A3), then the optical path of the illumination light when only the wavelength λ is changed for $\Delta\lambda$ is equal to the optical path 52A when only the barometric pressure is

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